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Ms. Irene Flannery Universal Service Administrative Company 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service High-Cost Fund Certification of US Cellular (PSC 8225)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

At its open meeting of October 23, 2003, the Commission approved designation to United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular) as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Wisconsin, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.13. This letter is the PSCW's 2003 certification that all federal high-cost fund (HCF) support provided to US Cellular in Wisconsin will be used only for its intended purpose.²

The FCC has not specified a mechanism pursuant to which such certification is to be accomplished. However, the PSCW has, on prior certifications, utilized the instant process of sworn affidavits from eligible carriers. The PSCW has received a sworn affidavit from US Cellular, in which US Cellular states that it "will use the Federal High Cost Support Funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996." A copy of the affidavit is enclosed.

Relying on the sworn affidavit, the PSCW certifies that all the Federal HCF support provided to US Cellular will be used for only for purposes intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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Docket No. 8225-TI-102 (Order dated December 20, 2002).

² In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45 / CC Docket No. 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (rel. May 23, 2001).

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Gary A. Evenson at (608) 266-6744.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, October 29 2003

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr

Secretary to the Commission

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Enclosure

cc. Records Management, PSCW Peter L. Gardon for US Cellular

AFFIDAVIT OF U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT FUNDS

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

- I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state as follows:
- 1. I am the Vice President Legal and External Affairs of U.S. Cellular Corporation.
- 2. I am a corporate officer responsible for certifying U.S. Cellular Corporation's use of Federal High Cost Support Funds.
- 3. U.S. Cellular Corporation is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of § 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to § 254(3) of the Act.
- 4. U.S. Cellular Corporation files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, which requires states to certify to the Federal Communications Commission and fund administrator, Universal Service Administrative Company, that all Federal High-Cost Support within this state be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
- 5. U.S. Cellular Corporation hereby states that it will use the Federal High Cost Support Funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

James R. Jenkins 929-200

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September, 2003

Notary Public, Cook County Allinois

My Commission Expires 5/30/2004

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